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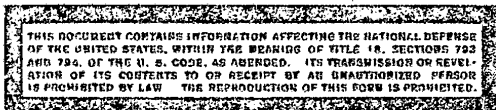
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1. On 15 July 1953, the Zentrales Konstruktionsbuero (central designing office) (ZKB) of the Ministry for Metallurgy and Ore Mining in East Berlin expected from the ministry an instruction on projects which would still have to be completed.

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2. In early June 1953, the Ministry for Metallurgy and Ore Mining inquired whether the ZKB was in a position to accept orders from foreign countries, including China. [redacted] Stoof (fnu), the ZKB technical manager, answered that the departments for the construction of tracks, transport installations and pipe lines were able to accept orders.

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3. In mid-July 1953 [redacted] no ore shipments had arrived at the EKO Fuerstenberg on the Oder River during the past ten days and [redacted] although this plant still had rather large if diminished stores, there would be no ore in about two weeks.

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4. On 20 June 1953 [redacted] the project of a power station in Trattendorf, near Spremberg, had been dropped.

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5. In mid-July 1953 [redacted] the ZKB branch in Mansfeld had returned (sic) because work there had been discontinued.

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[redacted] Comment. The Mansfeld branch belonged to the Nonferrous Metals Industry section of the Projecting Main Department.

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